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In re Application of:

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Title: **Design and Layout of Phase Shifting
Photolithographic Masks**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants request the following amendments in the above-referenced application:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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